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WORLD NO. 9 ANGELIQUE KERBER & WORLD NO. 10 EKATERINA MAKAROVA TO PLAY FAMILY CIRCLE CUP
2015 tournament brings new, top-seeded players to Charleston

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DANIEL ISLAND, S.C. – Anquelique Kerber, World No. 9, and Ekaterina Makarova, Word No. 10, have joined current champion Andrea Petkovic in the 2015 Family Circle Cup player field. The Family Circle Cup takes place April 4 – 12 in Charleston, S.C.

“We are excited to bring these powerful and talented players to Charleston to join our 43rd tournament player field,” said Eleanor Adams, Family Circle Cup Tournament Manager. “Kerber and Makarova are fierce competitors to be reckoned with, and we are happy our fans will have the opportunity to watch them play live in Charleston.”

The 2014 season marks the third year in a row that Kerber has finished with a year-end ranking within the top 10. The left-handed, German tennis player reached the finals in four WTA tournaments this year, and made at least the third-round in all four Grand Slams.

The 2015 Family Circle Cup will welcome Kerber’s second appearance in Charleston, her first in five years. In 2010, she made the third-round of the tournament before losing to Daniela Hantuchova in three sets.

“I’m very much looking forward to my return to Charleston for the Family Circle Cup this spring,” said Kerber. “Charleston is a beautiful city with great tennis fans.”

Russia’s Makarova is currently the only WTA player in both the singles and doubles top 10.

She broke into the WTA singles top 10 for the first time in her career in January 2015, stemming from a standout 2014 season that included a singles quarterfinals appearance at Wimbledon, and her first Grand Slam singles semifinal at the US Open. Makarova also took home a Grand Slam doubles win at the US Open, and appeared in the doubles final at both the Australian Open and in Miami.

The 2015 Family Circle Cup will be Makarova’s first time competing in the Charleston tennis tournament.

“It’s a great feeling to be ranked within the top 10 for my first time,” said Makarova. “I’m looking forward to building on my momentum from the 2014 season and playing in Charleston.”

Tickets to the 2015 Family Circle Cup are on sale at www.FamilyCircleCup.com or by calling the box office at (800) 677-2293. Patrons can purchase single session tickets, or choose from a variety of ticket and travel packages.

About the Family Circle Cup

The Family Circle Cup is the largest women’s only tennis tournament in the world, and *Family Circle* is the longest running title sponsor of a sporting event in the United States, as well as in all of professional tennis, worldwide. The Family Circle Cup receives four days of live broadcast domestically on ESPN2, and is viewed internationally in more than 143 countries, featuring more than 200 hours of live and delayed global broadcast time, reaching 9+ million viewers worldwide.

For more information on the Family Circle Cup, call (800) 677-2293, email info@familycirclecup.com, visit www.FamilyCircleCup.com, Facebook ([Family Circle Cup](https://www.facebook.com/FamilyCircleCup)), Twitter ([@FamilyCircleCup](https://twitter.com/FamilyCircleCup)) or Instagram ([@FamilyCircleCup](https://www.instagram.com/FamilyCircleCup)).

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